

GOMPERS' PRESENCE MAY MEAN END OF THE STRIKE

Federation Leader is in Chicago by Invitation.

HOLDS CONFERENCES

No Intention of Interfering Unless Shea Requests Him to.

Chicago, May 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was the central figure in the teamsters' strike situation today. His presence in Chicago is regarded as offering hope of peace, but the cry of the strikers was still for arbitration, which the employers had resolutely refused as to the garment workers in whose behalf the teamsters quit work six weeks ago.

Will Not Interfere.
Just before going into conference with the labor leaders, Gompers said: "I am not in a position to say what will or will not be done. I will say, however, I have no intention of interfering, unless I am commissioned by President Shea and his colleagues to do so."

Invited to Come.
Gompers admitted he had come to Chicago at the solicitation of both business men and teamsters' officials to act in the capacity of peacemaker.

Pledges Aid for Peace.
During the morning Gompers called on Mayor Dunne. He assured the mayor he would use every honorable effort to bring about a speedy settlement of the strike to the best interest of all concerned, although admitting that he was without authority to act. Immediately after leaving the mayor Gompers conferred with Ald. Dover, chairman of the mayor's peace committee.

Ready to Confer.
Attorney Levy Mayer, when asked whether a conference had been arranged between the employers' association and Gompers' said:

"Not that I have heard of. We shall not seek a conference with Gompers, but I know we shall be prepared to see him if he wishes to confer with us."

Gathering Information.
Gompers informed the aldermanic committee that he was gathering information, was here merely to give advice, and would not act unless authorized by President Shea. It is understood the mayor told Gompers if the strike spreads troops will be called out. It is said efforts are being made by Gompers to get the National Civic Federation to intervene to procure a settlement.

President Shea said this afternoon: "I am still standing pat. Gompers has authority to call off the strike if he wanted to."

Murderer Believed Caught.
Chicago, May 17.—Jesse Ballinger and James Jones, colored strike breakers, one of whom is believed to have fired the shot that killed the schoolboy, Enoch Carlson, was arrested today.

Boy Shot and Killed.
Chicago, May 17.—The first schoolboy has fallen a victim to the violence attending the teamsters' strike.
Enoch Carlson, 11 years old, a pupil in the Ward school, was shot and killed by a negro strike breaker, who was passing the child's home, 2701 Princeton avenue. The shooting occurred at 6:15 p. m. after a score of playing children had shouted derisively at the negro and a companion.

An enraged crowd of men later hunted for the murderer and the police joined in the search, but at midnight he had not been found.

Gompers Brings Hope.
Prospects for the end of the teamsters' strike grew bright yesterday with the arrival in Chicago of President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers' mission is one of peace, and not of war. Furthermore, it is said, he comes with a distinct plan for bringing to a speedy close the hostilities of the last six weeks.

May Give Advice.
It is the belief in local labor circles that Mr. Gompers will offer some advice to President Shea and the rest of the strike leaders. Unless plans go awry, it is probable that the teamsters' officials will acquiesce in his opinions. Shortly afterward, the teamsters' strike, it is said, will be a thing of the past. Barring unforeseen hitches, it is thought the trouble will be ended by the last of the present week.

Mrs. Parmelee Dead.
Kenosha, Wis., May 17.—Mrs. Roxana Willard Parmelee, aged 82, widow of the late Frank Parmelee, founder of the Parmelee Transfer company of Chicago, is dead here of heart disease.

NO RECOLLECTION OF WHAT OCCURRED

New York Murderer Pleads Deed Was Done While Under a Spell.

Somerville, N. J., May 17.—George Wood, the young New York man on trial here charged with the murder of George Williams, of Watchung, today told his story to the jury. He said he knew nothing of what occurred after "a little black man began to drill the lesson into my mind" when he was on his way to Searsdale, until several days later, when he found himself in the Tombs prison, New York, charged with murder. Wood stated he started for Searsdale with a man named Mack for the purpose of getting \$1,000 from Mack's father. They left the train at the railway junction, where they had dinner and drank a glass of beer. According to Wood's attorney, Wolf, has no existence except in Wood's imagination.

PREPARING FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Justice and Mrs. Harlan and Bryan at Big Presbyterian Conference.

Winona Lake, Ind., May 17.—Two meetings were held today preliminary to the opening of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church which will hold its first session tomorrow. The foreign mission conference began its work. Nearly 300 persons were present. In the audience were seated Supreme Justice and Mrs. Harlan and William Jennings Bryan.

MORTON WILL LEAVE CABINET IN SIX WEEKS

Successor Will Be Victor H. Metcalf, of Commerce and Labor Department.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—A definite decision has been reached in the case of the secretary of the navy, Paul Morton, fixing the date of his retirement from public life. It is intended he shall leave the cabinet within six weeks. This meets the approval both of Secretary Morton and President Roosevelt. How near Morton is to leaving the cabinet is indicated by the fact that his successor already has been determined upon. The portfolio will be offered to Victor H. Metcalf, secretary of commerce and labor.

ROYAL ARCANUM MEETS

Society Has \$250,000 in Treasury—315,000 Members.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 17.—The supreme council of the Royal Arcanum began its annual sessions here today. The financial secretary's report said the organization assets are in excess of \$250,000. The present strength of the order is 315,000.

Japanese-Panaman Treaty.

Panama, May 17.—The treaty of commerce agreed upon at Washington between M. Takahira, the Japanese minister, and Senor O. Balboa, the Panamanian minister, will be approved by the president with slight modifications. It is similar to the treaty between Japan and Argentina.

SWEEPING REFORMS ARE GRANTED

Czar in Rescript Reverses Russian Policies in Seven Provinces.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—There is little room for skepticism as to the genuineness of the broad policy of imperial reform after the remarkable steps sanctioned by Emperor Nicholas in an imperial rescript issued yesterday modifying the restrictive decrees in nine of the western governments of Russia and giving the Poles greater freedom for acquiring farming lands and industrial premises and giving permission to introduce Polish and Lithuanian languages in primary and secondary schools where the majority of the inhabitants are non-Russian.

Restrictions Swept Away.
Almost at one sweep the whole burden of vexatious restrictive laws in Poland and the Baltic provinces have been removed and privileges for which the natives have been fighting for years are restored, assemblies of Polish nobles are reestablished and all harsh administrative measures introduced at one time.
The policy of reaction and Russifica-

FINALLY STARTED

Race of Yachts for Kaiser's Cup Begun at 12:15 p. m.

ONCE POSTPONED BY THE FOG

Conditions Narrowly Missed Being Repeated—Good Wind Blowing.

Sandy Hook, May 17.—The ocean race for the cup offered by the German emperor started at 12:15.

The boats crossed the starting line in this order: Albatross, Hildegarde, Atlantic, Endymion, Hamburg, Thistle, Fleuret De Lis, Sunbeam, Apache, Utowana, Valhalla. The Albatross crossed at 12:14:35 and the Valhalla at 12:25.

Weather Better.
New York, May 17.—Weather conditions this morning were more favorable for the start of the yachts in the trans-Atlantic race than yesterday. The wind was blowing eight knots an hour from the northeast. The sky was cloudy and the air clear.

Fog Blows Up Again.
New York, May 17.—By 10:40 the entire fleet was on the way to the starting line at Sandy Hook lights. At 12:15 the time arranged for sending the yachts across the line, the wind on shore had hauled to about the same quarter as yesterday and had brought back with it the great masses of fog which had caused yesterday's postponement.

Fog Prevents Start.
New York, May 17.—Owing to the thick fog that hung over the bay yesterday afternoon the start of the ocean yacht race was postponed. This was announced after the starting committee had consulted with each yacht owner at Sandy Hook shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The weather off Sandy Hook reminded one of the days when efforts were made to sail the races for the America cup. A thick fog was blown in from the ocean by a brisk easterly wind, and at times it was so thick that those on the boats could see scarcely 50 feet away.

ANTI-MOB BILL MADE LAW BY THE GOVERNOR

Deneen Signs Measure Aimed at Lynching and Thirty-nine Others.

Springfield, May 17.—Gov. Deneen last night signed 40 bills. One of the most important was the anti-mob law bill. It provides for the vacation by proclamation by sheriff's office when that official allows a prisoner to be taken from him and lynched, and provides a fine of \$1,000 for participation in a lynching mob.

LINER STILL FAST AGROUND

Tugs Will Make Another Attempt to Float the Caroma.

New York, May 17.—At 8 o'clock this morning the Cunard line steamer Caronia was still aground opposite the Sandy Hook beacon. No damage to the ship is feared. Tugs will make another attempt to pull the lines off at the next high tide.

CASHIER SUICIDES; BOOKS ARE AWRY

Milwaukee, Wis., May 17.—George D. Richardson, aged 46, cashier of the Internal Revenue office of this city, committed suicide today by shooting. The special examiner now making an examination of Richardson's books, it is said, has discovered discrepancies.

BANK IS CLOSED; SHORT OF MONEY

Brainerd, Minn., Institution With \$165,000 Deposits Seriously Embarrassed.

Brainerd, Minn., May 17.—Public Examiner P. M. Kerst has closed the Northern Pacific bank, a state institution, for the purpose, as stated in a notice posted on the door, "of making a thorough examination of its affairs."

The immediate cause for closing the institution, Mr. Kerst stated, was a lack of sufficient cash on hand. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000, and has a surplus of \$13,000. Its deposits amounted to \$165,000, and its total liabilities to \$200,000. It is believed that the closing is only temporary. An investigation by the governor started a run on the bank yesterday.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Recommendation Made by Baptist Committee at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 17.—The presentation at today's session of the general convention of the Baptists north and south, of a report of a committee of nine, appointed at the New York conference last January recommending permanent organization followed by a general discussion.

DISREGARDS HIS ORDERS

Rojestvensky Said to Pay No Attention to Instructions.

ACTS ON JUDGMENT

Togo is Reported Preparing to Attack South of Formosa.

Saigon, May 17.—Admiral De Jonquiere, French naval commander at Saigon, who has been cruising along the Annam coast returned here today. According to reports gathered concerning the Russian fleet Rojestvensky showed absolute disregard of directions of the subject of neutrality.

The Russian commander proceeded as if his portion gave him complete independence. He declared he acted on his own judgment and said criticism did not change his opinions.

Correspondent Captured.
A correspondent of a newspaper, who was said to have been lost off Port Dayet, 40 miles north of Kambanah bay, was rescued by a junk and brought here. While on the junk the correspondent saw 30 Russian warships anchored in the bay. The junk later was stopped by the Russian repair ship Kamchaka.

Taken on Board.
The boarding officer blindfolded the correspondent and took him on board Nebogetoff's flagship, where he was closely interrogated. Explanations of the correspondent were found to be satisfactory and he was well treated. The Russian officers said they had not been ashore since February. They expected an engagement to take place soon. The United Russian fleet was then about to start for Vladivostok.

The bottoms of the yessels of Nebogetoff's division, the correspondent asserted, appeared to be foul and the ships were waterbeaten.

The entire Russian fleet comprised 60 vessels with a number of auxiliaries.
Admiral Hit.
St. Petersburg, May 17.—Very disquieting reports are in circulation this evening about Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's health. It is said he telegraphed the emperor it is impossible for him to proceed. An evening paper prints a report that the admiral suffers from nervous breakdown. No official confirmation of the report is obtainable.

WILL LEAVE BY JUNE 1

St. Petersburg, May 17.—It is announced from Cronstadt that Vice Admiral Brikhoff, commander-in-chief of the Baltic ports, has notified the commanders in the fourth division of Rojestvensky's fleet to hold the ships in readiness to leave for the east by June 14 without fail.

Will Fight South of Formosa.
Amoy, May 17.—It is believed part of the Japanese fleet is taking up a position below Formosa and that Togo has planned to fight the Russians south of Formosa.

Russian Losses at Mukden.
Gunsu Pass, Manchuria, April 17.—The Russian losses at the battle of Mukden for the whole period of the fighting, from Feb. 19 to March 14, consisted of killed, wounded, and missing, as follows, not including two generals both severely wounded and now prisoners:

Killed	15,000
Wounded	55,000
Missing	12,000
Prisoners	8,000
Staff and other officers	1,985
Total	91,985

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MONOPOLY IS HIT

Rock Island Road Will Run Its Own Refrigerator Cars.

ORDER PLACED FOR 1,700

Result of Disclosures Made During the Commerce Commission Inquiry.

Chicago, May 17.—The Rock Island railroad is the latest line to prepare to be independent of the private car combine. The company has contracted for 1,700 refrigerator cars. Over 200 of them have been received already, and the remainder of the order will be filled within a few weeks.

Inquiry Responsible.
The recent inquiry into the private refrigerator car lines by the interstate commerce commission and the conditions revealed is said to be responsible for the action of the Rock Island company. Some of the eastern lines also have broken away from the private concerns.

The Rock Island system will inaugurate its own refrigerator car service in the fruit and produce trade of the west and south.

STEEL CARS, IN SMASH, STICK TO THE RAILS

Three Hundred Railway Men See Collision Without Injury—New Coupling Device.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17.—Three hundred delegates to the International Railway congress, the guests of George Westinghouse, yesterday witnessed a railway collision without disastrous results. A train composed of 50 new steel cars was divided into three parts. Two of these parts were left standing on the track, a space of about 50 yards dividing them. The third section was drawn down the tracks a distance of two miles. The engineer pulled the throttle wide open and the section of the train crashed into the stationary cars while running at a speed of 40 miles an hour. There was a quiver, the three sections united automatically and then settled down on the tracks without any damage being done.

FILIPINO STUDENT IS GONE

Taft Protests Is Sought by Creditors With Claims of \$800.

New Haven, Conn., May 17.—Using the name of his patron, Secretary of War Taft, and claiming to be of direct descent from a Filipino family, Juan Baptista Alegre, ran up bills of \$800 among New Haven and New York tradesmen and then disappeared. Secretary Taft brought him to the Yale law school and installed him there a year ago. A sheriff has been looking for him for three days. He is said to have gone to Spain.

HONORS FOR HIRAM CRONK

Remains Taken to New York Where They Will Lie in State.

New York, May 17.—The body of Hiram Cronk, last survivor of the war of 1812 was brought here today from Booneville, N. Y., and will be buried tomorrow with full military honors. Meantime the body will lie in state in the city hall.

NEW YORK CENTRAL CONTROLS NEW ROAD

Kansas City, Mo., May 17.—The New York Central gained control of the Kansas City Southern railway at the annual meeting of the stockholders here today.

ADMITTS ARMOURS HAVE A MONOPOLY

Memphis Gets Convention Order of Railway Conductors Will Meet in That City in 1907.

Portland, Ore., May 17.—Memphis, Tenn., was selected as the convention city for the Order of Railway Conductors two years hence. The conductors also decided that when a member withdraws from the order his benefit insurance ceases. The convention concluded its choosing of officers which was begun yesterday, by electing J. W. Crocker, of Portland, Ore., inside sentinel; O. L. Rolfe, of Monclay, Mex., outside sentinel; J. E. Archer, of Houston, Texas, member of the executive committee, and W. J. Dearbin, of Milwaukee, and W. H. Burd, of Cleveland, members of the insurance committee. The convention adjourned sine die.

Teacher Weds Under Guard.
Des Moines, Iowa, May 17.—Last the pupils of the bride, who was a teacher in the Highland Park college here, should interrupt her marriage ceremony by a demonstration, a dozen policemen formed picket lines about the house while Miss Helen Longwell was married to E. W. Weldy last night. A band of several hundred students was kept back by the police.

RUSSIAN GOVERNOR IS SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN

REALIZE SANITARY STATE AT PANAMA

North American Health Boards Adopt Resolutions and Elect Officers.

Washington, May 17.—The 20th annual conference of the state and provincial boards of health of North America concluded the sessions today after adopting a resolution expressing a realization of the sanitary condition of Panama and addressing to President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft an expression of confidence in the American health officials on the isthmus and asking for them the greatest liberty of action.

Officers elected:
President—Dr. Richard H. Lewis, North Carolina.
Vice President—Dr. J. F. Kennedy, Iowa.
Treasurer—Dr. J. A. Eaden, Illinois.
Secretary—Dr. J. S. Fulton, Maryland.

DOUGLAS DECIDES FALL RIVER ISSUE

Declares Partial Restoration of Wages to Textile Workers Was Not Warranted.

Boston, Mass., May 17.—In a statement issued today Gov. Douglas, as referee in the settlement of the Fall River textile strike of 1904, finds a partial restoration of wages is not warranted. When the strike was settled in January, Douglas was empowered to fix the margin of profit at which operatives would receive an increase of wages. The strike affected 25,000 persons.

NAN PATTERSON GETS JOB AT A GOOD FAT SALARY

Will Be Paid \$2,000 Per Week at Music Hall—Expresses Surprise Over Justice's Remarks.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Nan Patterson ran over to Philadelphia yesterday, and within 10 minutes had affixed her signature to a contract with Hurlig & Seamon, proprietors of Harlem music hall, at a salary of \$2,000 per week. She is to lead six girls. Replying to questions she said: "I was sadly surprised about Justice Davis saying that over in New York every one must think I shot Caesar Young. I can only reply that I never, never killed him."

WARNER FILLS VACANCIES

Commissioner of Pensions Transfers 13 from Other Parts of Office.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Commissioner of Pensions Warner has taken final action in connection with the board of review of that office, from which 10 members were asked to resign for alleged incompetency, by filling the vacancies thus created as well as three others caused by death or resignation. Transfers were made from other divisions of the office. The appointments become effective July 1.

VARNISH WORKS BURNED

Chicago, May 17.—Fire yesterday afternoon in the Armstrong Varnish company plant on Ohio street destroyed the main structure, a six story brick building and annex. Loss, \$150,000.

COMPANY'S MANAGER SAYS THE FRUIT TRADE IS CONTROLLED.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Before the senate committee on interstate commerce President Robbins, of the Armour Car Lines company, yesterday admitted the company has 20 or 30 exclusive contracts with railroads for fruit transportation business and acknowledged a monopoly of that traffic in parts of the west and south.

LEGISLATOR GOES TO JAIL

Montana Lawmaker Found Guilty of Violating Injunction.

Helena, Mont., May 17.—Charles Geyman, a member of the legislature from Silver Bow county, was adjudged guilty of violating an injunction, by restraining operations in the mining property of the Boston & Montana property in Butte, and was sentenced by Judge Hunt, of the federal court, to 40 days in jail. Geyman's company will have to pay the cost of the legal proceedings.

EVA BOOTH BETTER.

Kansas City, Mo., May 17.—The condition of Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army, was so much improved today she is able to continue the trip west.

President Mitchell Bereaved.

Spring Valley, Ill., May 17.—Marie, the 6-year-old daughter of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, died today of pneumonia.

Gen. Sokolovsky Severely Wounded at Entertainment.

ASSAILANT ESCAPES

Almost State of Civil War Prevails in Part of Poland.

Ufa, Russia, May 17.—Maj. Gen. Sokolovsky, governor general of the province of Ufa, was fired at several times and seriously wounded yesterday in the public garden during an entertainment. His assailant disappeared, though he retains complete consciousness. Vice Governor Bogdanovich has taken over the administration of the province.

The shooting of Maj. Gen. Sokolovsky is the second crime of this nature which has occurred at Ufa within two years, his predecessor, Gen. Bogdanovich, having been assassinated in the streets of Ufa on May 19, 1903.

Almost Revolution.
Moscow, May 17.—Discord amounting to revolution has become permanent in Poland, South Russia, the Caucasus and the Ural districts. Encounters between the police and the people take place daily. Statistics of these clashes during the past three months have been carefully collected. One hundred and eighty have been killed and 700 wounded in Poland. Thirty-six have been killed and 218 wounded in Riga, Reval and the Baltic provinces.

Long List of Killed.

Forty-six were killed and many hundreds wounded in Simferopol, Theodosia, Melitopol and other places in the Crimea. Eight hundred and fifty were killed and wounded in the anti-Semitic riots at Zhitomir. Two hundred were killed and many hundreds wounded in the Caucasus, where fighting in the towns and villages between the troops and the workers and peasants is almost incessant. Revolutionists in all the disturbed districts systematically attack the police and their agents. The nobility unable to agree on the details of reforms, will unite in a memorial to the czar urging the convocation of a national assembly.

THE PENNSYLVANIA NOT RESPONSIBLE

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in The South Harrisburg Disaster.

Harrisburg, May 17.—The coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict exonerating the Pennsylvania railroad company from any blame for the South Harrisburg disaster last Thursday in which 22 lives were lost and over 100 persons injured.

OLD KING MAY AGAIN RULE

Oscar of Sweden Likely to Assume Reins of Government.

Christiania, Norway, May 17.—The Dagbladet expresses the belief that King Oscar will resume the reins of government on June 1. This is regarded as a semi-official intimation, and means, probably, that King Oscar intends to sanction the Norwegian consular bill, thus assuming direct responsibility for an act calculated to irritate his Swedish subjects rather than leave the responsibility on the shoulders of the crown prince regent.